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The San Diego Public Library Screens THE LAST CONQUISTADOR *John Valadez and Cristina Ibarra's Film Follows a Wild and Surreal Journey*

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library, in partnership with Media Arts Center San Diego and PBS' Point-of-View (POV) Series, will host a preview film screening of *The Last Conquistador* on Sunday, July 6, 2008 at 2:00 PM in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This free event is open to the public. Alberto Pulido, Ph.D., Director and Professor of the Ethnic Studies Program at the University of San Diego (USD), will facilitate a discussion after the screening.

Renowned sculptor John Houser dreams of building the world's tallest bronze equestrian statue for the city of El Paso, Texas. He envisions a stunning monument to the Spanish conquistador Juan de Oñate that will honor the contributions Hispanic people made to building the American West. But as the project nears completion troubles arise—Native Americans are outraged as they remember Oñate as the man who brought genocide to their land and sold their children into slavery. As El Paso divides along lines of race and class in *The Last Conquistador*, the artist must face the moral implications of his work.

Since 1988, PBS' "POV" series has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues. "The Last Conquistador." is scheduled to debut on national public television on July 15, 2008.

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